

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 7006 - SB 7005

August 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to direct available state funds to contract with additional private service providers across the state to provide inpatient psychiatric services for uninsured individuals.

Requires the DMHSAS to submit a report to the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2024, on whether additional inpatient psychiatric services are needed in the City of Knoxville

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will require additional appropriations or utilization of future reversions of state funds in order to contract for inpatient psychiatric services. The timing and extent of any future available reversions or the necessity for additional appropriations cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation authorizes the DMHSAS to direct available state funds to contract with additional private service providers. According to the DMHSAS, the department does not currently have a significant amount of unallocated funds to use for such purpose.
- The DMHSAS has reverted \$19,205,502 from its FY21-22 budget and \$10,197,520 from its FY20-21 budget; however, the amount of reversion is uncertain from year to year and future reversions cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty.
- To the extent that any such future reversions are utilized for authorized purposes of this legislation, or to the extent additional appropriations are made to the DMHSAS, expenditures will increase for contracted inpatient psychiatric services. The extent of any future available reversions or the necessity for any additional appropriations are dependent on a number of unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.
- The DMHSAS can compile and submit the required report utilizing existing personnel and resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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